

**CLAIMS:**

The invention is hereby claimed as follows:

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1. A gaming device having a primary game comprising:
  - a plurality of identical sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;
  - a plurality of identical sets of symbols on each of said sets of reels;
  - a plurality of paylines associated with said sets of reels;
  - a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets of reels;
- 10 and
  - a processor which communicates with said display device, which enables a player to wager on said paylines on said plurality of sets of reels, which evaluates each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player for winning combinations of said symbols and which provides payouts to the
  - 15 player based on the combinations of symbols and the player's wager.
2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in said sets of reels.
- 20 3. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a payline in at least two of said sets of reels.

4. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in each of said sets of reels.

5 5. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will occur on a payline.

10 6. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels wherein a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

15 7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor initiates paylines in another said set of reels when the player wagers on all of said paylines in one of said set of reels.

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8. A gaming device comprising of:

a plurality of sets of reels;

a plurality of identical sets of symbols on each of said sets of reels;

a display device; and

5 a processor which communicates with said display device, wherein  
said processor and said display device simultaneously display said plurality of  
sets of reels, enable a player to wager on said paylines on said plurality of  
sets of reels, simultaneously spins each of said sets of reels wagered on by  
the player, evaluates each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player for  
10 predetermined combinations of said symbols, and provide the player any  
award associated with said predetermined combinations of symbols obtained  
on the reels.

9. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and  
15 display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined  
combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in said  
sets of reels.

10. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and  
20 display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined  
combination of said symbols to occur on a payline in at least two of said sets  
of reels.

11. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in each of said sets of reels.

5 12. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels to have a predetermined combination of said symbols occur on a payline.

10 13. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

15 14. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor initiates paylines in another said set of reels when the player wagers on all of said paylines in one of said set of reels.

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15     A gaming device having a primary game comprising:  
a plurality of sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;  
a plurality of symbols which are identical on each of said sets of reels;  
a plurality of paylines associated with said sets of reels;  
5     a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets of reels;  
and  
a processor which controls said display device, evaluates a wager  
placed by a player, and places said wager on one of said paylines on one of  
said sets of reels, and places a subsequent wager on one of said paylines on  
10 another of said set of reels if all of said paylines in said first set of reels are  
wagered on by the player.

16.     The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is  
adapted to enable the player to wager on individual paylines in said sets of  
15 reels.

17.     The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is  
adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said  
symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in said sets of reels.

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18.     The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is  
adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of  
said symbols to occur on a payline in at least two of said sets of reels.

19. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in each of said sets of reels.

5 20. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will occur on one of said paylines.

10 21. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

15 22. A gaming device having a primary game comprising:  
a plurality of sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;  
a plurality of symbols which are identical on each of said sets of reels;  
a plurality of paylines associated with said set of reels;  
a display device adapted to simultaneously display said set of reels;

20 and

a processor which controls said display device, and which enables the player to wager on at least one of the sets of reels having a winning symbol or combination of said symbols on said set of reels.

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23. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on said paylines in said sets of reels.

24. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in said sets of reels.

25. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a payline in at least two of said sets of reels.

26. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines in each of said sets of reels.

27. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor initiates paylines in another said set of reels when the player wagers on all of said paylines in one of said set of reels.

28. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.